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Orrington Waste-to-Energy Facility Under New Ownership

Company looks to restart operations in early 2025

ORRINGTON, ME – Eagle Point Energy Center (EPEC) acquired the waste-to-energy facility formerly known as the Penobscot Energy Recovery Company (PERC) with the goal to re-open the facility for the processing and recycling of municipal solid waste.

The plant had stopped accepting municipal solid waste last May, causing municipalities to divert material to area landfills. The waste that is currently in the facility will be compacted in the spring and used upon restart. The company is currently assessing the facility for required improvements.

"So much has been promised regarding solid waste disposal to various communities in recent history," said Dan Cashman, spokesman for EPEC. "Eagle Point Energy Center plans to return the Orrington plant to basic operation and work with stakeholders to optimize the facility to meet the long term needs of the region. What is most important to this company right now is the safe and efficient restart of the facility. EPEC, in conjunction with local recycling efforts, represents the only viable option for solid waste from Maine communities again to avoid being landfilled."

The company has begun direct hiring staff to work toward restarting the plant, including some staff from the old company. The hiring process is ongoing, and will be a phased-in approach based on the timeline for restarting operations.

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